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REVIEWS.

GENERAL DIGEST OF THE UNITED STATES ANNUAL, Vol. VII. One volume, pp. 2,334, liv. Prepared and published by the Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. 1892.

The feature of this digest is the care and scholarship of its statement of cases. There it does not incorporate or boil down head-notes, but states clearly and concisely the meat of the case. Another point in its favor is the table of contents of the topic placed at the head of each extensive topic. In print and paging it is fair, but only fair, while its cross-references are numerous.

Even after allowing for the facts that the American Digest, comparison with which is natural, probably subdivides and elaborates more, and that our digest economizes space by its manner of stating cases, it is still difficult to see why, when their material and purposes are the same, the latter should cover only one third as many pages.

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LAWYERS' REPORTS, ANNOTATED, Book XVI., with full Annotation by Burdett A. Rich and Henry P. Farnham. One volume, pp. 911. Rochester, N. Y. The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company. 1892.

What Smith's Leading Cases did for the reports at large, this work attempts to do for the current reports, collecting and annotating the leading cases of each quarter of the judicial year. Its value must vary directly with the ability of the annotators. Judging from that in the past the book is valuable.

In print, paper, and binding the work is fair. It concludes with a *résumé* of the law made during the past quarter, and with a sufficiently extensive general index.

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A TREATISE ON WILLS. By Thomas Jarman, Esq. Fifth edition, by Leopold George Gordon Robbins, Esq. Sixth American edition, by Melville M. Bigelow, Ph. D. Two volumes. Boston. Little, Brown & Co. 1893.

Little more need be said of this the latest edition after saying that it is the standard treatise on wills, brought down to date in a manner fully equal to that of its predecessors.

Chiefly noticeable in the English editor's work is the effect of the Wills Act, that statute having made it necessary to largely cut parts of the original work, and replace them with decisions since the Act. The elaborate notes of the American editor are suggestive, and quite in keeping with his usual good work. To the appendix have been added suggestions as to the preparation of wills intended to operate abroad.

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